in the Consultation process, are only 64. Therefore, for 106 vacancies, we do not have even the first, initial, recommendations, as far as we are concerned.

With regard to the question as to whether the Government is willing to consider any alternate proposal, I must say that the Government has been committed to the entire suggestion which has been made, and I have checked up with most of the Election Manifestoes of the political parties, they have all mentioned setting up of a National Judicial Commission. In this regard, I would request the hon. Members also to seriously look into the recommendations that have been made by the Justice Venkatachalaiah Commission with regard to setting up of a commission; and, if a consensus in this House and in the other House is possible, the Government is very keen to move in that direction.

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I just want that this matter be taken up in a Short Duration Discussion.

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: I support this suggestion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Admissions by unapproved medical/dental colleges

*181. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not renewed/given permission to some medical/ dental colleges as they are lagging behind in infrastructure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such colleges are still admitting the students; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to save the future of aspiring students?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Permission for admission of students during the year 2001-2002 has not been renewed in case of 7 medical and 16 dental colleges. While in some cases infrastructure facilities have not been found adequate, in other cases MCI inspection has been delayed as the colleges were not ready for early inspection. Government has no information that such colleges are admitting students. Further,

new proposals for opening of 36 medical and 20 dental colleges received this year are at various stages of consideration with the Government/concerned professional councils.

All the State Governments/Universities have been informed about the status of each college for admission during 2001-2002. The State Governments have also been advised to check before allotting students to a college whether permission has been renewed. The status of admission in medical and dental colleges has also been made available on Ministry's website *http// mohfw.nic.in*, for information of general public. The concerned professional councils have also been advised to caution public in respect of colleges which do not have the permission.

Development of towns in Andhra Pradesh

*182. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medium and small towns having population upto five lakhs in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred by Government during the last five years for their development, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) As per 1991 Census, there were 210 small and medium towns having population upto 5 lakhs in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) As reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh the details of amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred thereon by the Government during the last 5 years for the development, year-wise, under different Centrally sponsored schemes is given in Statement. (*See* below)

(c) As per information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the following results have been achieved:—

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Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)	34312 units assisted